<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend Claims 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, and 29, and add Claim 31 as follows.

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus for use with an image pickup device, comprising:

a memory control device which controls recording to record on a memory an image file corresponding to an image picked up by the image pickup device, and <u>past-transfer-history</u> data which ~~discriminates~~ <u>indicates whether</u> the image file that <u>is currently held in the memory</u> has ~~previously undergone transfer thereof~~ <u>been ever transferred in the past</u> from the memory to a different storing area <u>or not;</u> ~~and the image file that has not yet undergone the transfer thereof;~~ and

a control device that controls transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewrites the <u>past-transfer-history</u> data in ~~accordance with~~ <u>response to</u> ~~the transfer of~~ the image file <u>being transferred</u>.

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 18, further comprising:

notification means for notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area an accordance with the <u>past-transfer-history</u> data attached to the image file.

20. (Previously Presented) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein the different storing area is in an external storage apparatus.

21. (Currently Amended) A data control method for use with an image pickup device, comprising:

a memory controlling step of controlling recording to record on a memory an image file corresponding to an image picked up by the image pickup device and past-transfer-history data which ~~discriminates~~ indicates whether the image file that is currently held in the memory has ~~previously undergone transfer thereof~~ ever been transferred in the past from the memory to a different storing area or not ~~and the image file that has not yet undergone the transfer thereof~~; and

a control step of transferring the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewriting the past-transfer-history data in response to ~~accordance with the transfer of~~ the image file being transferred.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 21, further comprising:

a notification step of notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area, in accordance with the past-transfer-history data attached to the image file.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein the different storing area is in an external storage apparatus.

24.   (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus which processes an image file, comprising:

a memory control device that controls a memory to record thereon an image file corresponding to an image picked up by an image pickup device, and past-transfer-history data which ~~discriminates~~ indicates whether the image file that is currently held in the memory has ~~previously undergone transfer thereof~~ ever been transferred in the past from the memory to a different storing area or not ~~and the image file that has not yet undergone the transfer thereof~~; and

a control device that controls transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewrites the past-transfer-history data in response to ~~accordance with the transfer of~~ the image file being transferred.

25. (Currently Amended) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a notification device that notifies a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area in accordance with the past-transfer-history data attached to the image file.

26. (Previously Presented) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the different storing area is an external storing apparatus.

27. (Previously Presented) An electronic apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the electronic apparatus includes the image pickup device.

28. (Currently Amended) A data control method for processing an image file, comprising:

a memory controlling of controlling a memory to record thereon an image file corresponding to an image picked up by an image pickup device and past-transfer-history data which ~~discriminates~~ indicates whether the image file that is currently held in the memory has ~~previously undergone transfer thereof~~ ever been transferred in the past from the memory to a different storing area or not ~~and the image file that has not yet undergone the transfer thereof~~; and

a control step of controlling transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewriting the past-transfer-history data in response to ~~accordance with the transfer of~~ the image file being transferred.

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 28, further comprising:

a notification step of notifying a user whether or not the image file stored in the memory previously has been transferred from the memory to the different storing area, in accordance with the past-transfer-history data attached to the image file.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 29, wherein the different storing area is an external storage apparatus.

31. (New) An electronic apparatus for use with an image pickup device, comprising:

a memory control device which controls recording to record on a memory an image file corresponding to an image picked up by the image pickup device, and past-transfer-history data which indicates whether the image file that is currently held in the memory has been ever transferred in the past from the memory to a different storing area or not;

a control device that controls transfer of the image file from the memory to a different storing area and rewrites the past-transfer-history data in response to the image file being transferred;

an erasing switch adapted to be turned on and off, wherein the image file is erasable by said electronic apparatus in response to the turning on of said erasing switch; and

a device that reads the data indicating whether the image file that is currently held in the memory has been ever transferred in response to turning the erasing switch on and before said electronic apparatus erases the image file.